

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Since the FCC is the regulating body for the public airwaves, it behooves you to protect from and prevent abuses such as this that erode the democratic process. Without a balancing anti-Bush documentary immediately following or preceding the anti-Kerry program, there is a clear violation of the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.